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## SYRACUSE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CARJACKING AND GUN POSSESSION

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that **RAYMOND WILLIAMS, JR.**, age 29, of Syracuse, New York, plead guilty today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to a two-count indictment in connection with a carjacking he committed at gunpoint on November 6, 2009 in Syracuse. Specifically, **WILLIAMS** plead guilty to Count One, taking a motor vehicle by force, violence and intimidation, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2119; and Count Two, the use, carrying and brandishing of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) & 2.

As part of his plea, **WILLIAMS** admitted the following:

On November 6, 2009, he and co-defendant **EMERY KINSEY** went to 252 Fellows Avenue in Syracuse, New York. At that time, they encountered the victim, who had just gotten out of his 1999 Pontiac, Montana mini-van, which he had parked on the street. **WILLIAMS** and **KINSEY** approached the victim and **WILLIAMS** pointed a loaded firearm, specifically a Smith and Wesson, .45 caliber, at the victim and stated "give it up." After a brief struggle with the victim, **KINSEY** grabbed the keys to the vehicle off of the victim's belt. The victim then gave **WILLIAMS** and **KINSEY** \$650.00, which he took from his front pocket. **KINSEY** then ripped his other pocket while looking for more money. The victim was then directed to give up his earrings, which he did. **WILLIAMS** and **KINSEY** then got into the victim's vehicle and drove away. **WILLIAMS** and **KINSEY** were apprehended a short time later by Syracuse Police officers in the vicinity of Westcott and Beech Streets in Syracuse. At that time officers located the aforementioned handgun, \$1,046 in U.S. Currency and the victim's earrings on the person of **WILLIAMS**.<sup>1</sup>

At sentencing, which is set for May 11, 2011, **WILLIAMS** faces up to 15 years imprisonment on Count One (carjacking charge) and a mandatory consecutive seven year term of imprisonment on Count Two (gun charge). He also faces up to five years of supervised release following incarceration and up to a \$250,000 fine.

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<sup>1</sup> **KINSEY** has plead not guilty to these same charges and is presumed innocent until convicted either by way of a guilty plea or jury verdict.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force, which is comprised of agents and detectives from the following agencies: United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Syracuse Office), the Syracuse Police Department, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Assistant United States Attorney John M. Katko, the prosecutor handling the case, at (315) 448-0916.